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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence
Assistant Director of Research and Reports
Assistant Director of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: Photo Reconnaissance Planes in the Far East

1. In a recent memorandum forwarded to this office, it was reported that the Air Force was contemplating bringing back from FECOM the only Photo Reconnaissance unit capable of penetrating the Communist areas there.

2. Following the last IAC meeting, I spoke to General Samford and expressed my concern at this rumor.

3. General Samford informed me that, although the proposal to bring back these planes to the United States had been made, it had been cancelled, in view of the objections made by his office. He expected that other attempts would be made to bring this unit to the United States, on the ground that domestic training was required, but he would continue to oppose such a transfer.

SIGNED

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